

Internship Costs

Dolphin Quest Hawaii does not charge interns a program fee to participate in our internship program. There are, however, some expenses in addition to housing, transportation and food, which interns should consider prior to applying for an internship.

Dolphin Quest will provide all other uniform pieces. The intern is responsible for providing the following:

- Company approved swimsuit
- Waterproof watch
- Khaki shorts, Capri's, or pants
- Plain black or brown belt
- Closed heel and toe shoes (such as sneakers)
- Shoes that can get wet

Local Living Information

Average Temperature

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max	73.6	73.6	73.6	73.7	75	76.6	78	78.7	77.9	77.1	73.7	74.3
Min	54	54.4	55.4	56.3	57.1	58.1	58.9	59.5	59.6	59	55.8	55.5

Accommodations

Dolphin Quest Hawaii's Internship program provides affordable housing for interns during their program stay. Consider the following information regarding Intern Housing:

- Dolphin Quest Hawaii (DQH) is located at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. The intern house is in the closest, safest and most affordable neighborhood to the DQH site. The house is only eight miles from Hilton's employee parking lot. It costs an average of \$775 (\$25 per night) per month, per person including all utilities. It is the most affordable short-term housing for interns within 40 miles of DQH.
- This beautiful home was built in 2004 and has 1,782 square feet of living space including a grand-communal living area with a large kitchen and lots of cabinet space for each resident to keep his/her own food. The patio and most windows have ocean and mountain views. It has two bathrooms and three bedrooms, with two of the bedrooms accommodating two people each, and the master suite accommodating up to three people. The house on average houses five people, but can comfortably house seven. The layout of the house allows for two separate wings for men and women, if desired.
- The intern house includes the following amenities:
 - All utilities are included (laundry, garbage, yard service, cable, DSL internet hook-up, and long distance telephone with free calls within the US and Canada!)
 - All needed cookware, dishware, linens, house cleaning supplies

Transportation

There is no bus system unless coming from Hilo, the opposite side of the island. It is suggested to either rent a car or buy a used car. The company, the rental timeframe and the type of car will determine the cost of the rental car. There are also rental cars available through DQ Crew Members that are at a reduced rate. Car-pooling also works, as well as sharing costs of all transportation.

Food and Drink

On days interns are scheduled to work, they will be able to eat one meal, free of charge, in the Crew cafeteria. The interns are responsible for all other meals during their internship experience. The Big Island of Hawaii does have discount stores like COSTCO and Wal-Mart located in Kona, which is about a 30-minute drive from the Dolphin Quest Hawaii site.

Telecommunications

The Big Island of Hawaii has good cellular phone service in most locations, and supports many mainland carriers. Many interns rely on their mainland cell phones as a primary mode of communication. In addition, the intern house includes free phone service for calls within the US and Canada. The intern house also provides free internet.